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Written Testimony of

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My name is Annalisa Pope. I am writing the email in support for the proposed bill listed above. I have had the pleasure of caring for Emmitt Ross who has epileptic seizures. With the permission for his parents, I have administered an antiepileptic medication called Diastat. I am a licensed CNA who is not allowed to administer the medication but with the permission of Emmitt's parents and training from his doctor, I can testify that the medication stopped the seizure each time. Emmitt has had many seizures at home, on the play-ground, in the car in route to the YMCA, at the pool, at camp, at the doctor's office, and in route to school. I was employed as his private caregiver for 6 years within which I have administered numerous doses of this medication. With the experience and knowledge that I have gained from this job, I have continued my education and have currently be accepted in nursing school to gain my RN license. Please consider my testimony so that children with trained unlicensed surrogates can administer this medication.